

Kimberly Paschall

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Kim Paschall is a trusted advisor to companies, executives, and government contractors navigating high-stakes criminal investigations, national security enforcement actions, and complex compliance challenges. A former federal prosecutor, who spent nearly nine years in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia—including as a member of its National Security Section—Kim brings rare courtroom experience and government insight to clients facing export control and sanctions investigations, False Claims Act allegations, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act matters, cyber breaches, and other matters at the intersection of law and national security.



Kim's practice centers on providing excellence in white collar defense, government investigations, and compliance counseling. She advises clients on the full arc of an investigation—from internal reviews and voluntary disclosure strategy to subpoena responses and trial—drawing on her experience as a skilled courtroom advocate and former member of the government team. Kim helps clients manage crises, resolve risks, and deliver their business objectives, with efficiency and style.

A former musical theatre major and one-time newspaper reporter, Kim has long believed that the most powerful tool in a lawyer's arsenal is the ability to tell a compelling story. And she has done exactly that before federal and state courts in more than 50 trials and 75 indicted cases during her career. Kim has also trained lawyers on the art of persuasion, drawing lessons from Shakespeare to Sondheim, in her signature program "Theatre Tips for Trial Attorneys" – a framework she has brought to hundreds of fellow advocates.

EXPERIENCE

Representative Engagements

- Secured a no-action letter from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, on behalf of a client following a cyber breach that resulted in the unauthorized disclosure of export-controlled technical data.
- Obtained a preliminary injunction for client in a multimillion dollar breach of contract and trade secrets case after two-day evidentiary hearing.
- Member of a trial team that successfully settled litigation on the eve of trial for \$8 million, on behalf of a wrongfully convicted man suing the City of Chicago.
- Former Assistant United States Attorney in the National Security Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office of the District of Columbia.
- Successfully tried 48-count indictment on conspiracy, export control and money laundering charges, resulting in a 35-year prison sentence for the defendant.

- Returned a superseding indictment in an export control matter adding 27 counts of money laundering charges, forcing a morning-of-trial plea to the indictment.
- Indicted a federal government contractor with access to critical infrastructure for acting as an agent of the Government of Iran).
- First AUSA sent to the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, and subsequently investigated, charged, convicted and sentenced dozens of January 6th defendants.

CREDENTIALS

Education

University of Virginia School of Law, JD, 2012

Virginia Journal of International Law, Editorial Board

UVA Prosecution Clinic, placed at the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office for Charlottesville

Research Assistant for Dean Paul Mahoney for his book *Wasting a Crisis: Why Securities Regulation Fails*

Wake Forest University, B.A. Political Science with honors, *summa cum laude*, 2009

Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa

C.H. Richards Award for Excellence in Political Science

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Virginia

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Honors & Awards

Legal 500 Chicago Elite (White Collar Crime, 2026)

Leading & Emerging Women Lawyer in Illinois, *Chicago Lawyer Magazine* (2026)

Special Achievement Award, *U.S. Attorney's Office* (2024)

U.S. Attorney's Team Award, *U.S. Attorney's Office* (2022)

Federal Bureau of Investigation Service Award, *U.S. Attorney's Office* (2022)

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

"1 Year And \$1B Later, Trade Fraud Remains Key Priority," (author) *Law360* (September 16, 2026)

"DOJ's NSD Announces First Declination Under New CEP," (co-author) *RSHC Client Alert* (June 18, 2026)

"A Second Front Opens in Tariffs Litigation: Consumer Refund Class Actions," (co-author) *RSHC Client Alert* (March 31, 2026)

"New DOJ Corporate Enforcement Policy," (co-author) *RSHC Client Alert* (March 17, 2026)

"The Supreme Court's Tariffs Ruling: What Companies Need to Know," (co-author) *RSHC Client Alert* (February 23, 2026)



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